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Advisory Announcement

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DRAFT RECOMMENDED HARVEST STRATEGY FOR SOUTHEAST ALASKA GOLDEN KING CRAB

The purpose of this harvest strategy is to lay the framework for a consistent and transparent inseason and postseason approach to determine guideline harvest levels and close fisheries when warranted while remaining consistent with the Board of Fisheries' Policy on King and Tanner Crab Resource Management (90-04-FB, March, 1990) [5 AAC 34.080] and the Southeast Alaska Golden King Crab Management Plan [5 AAC 34.114]. The primary goal and objective of this harvest strategy is to improve and stabilize fishery performance using transparent and repeatable metrics (and their rationale) to evaluate stock health and measure performance for more consistent inseason and postseason management.

The draft recommended Southeast Alaska golden king crab harvest strategy is available on our ADF&G website here: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/fishing/PDFs/commercial/southeast/gkc_for_comments_v3_ao.pdf

The Department invites comments from the public, permit holders, and industry representatives on all aspects of the draft recommended harvest strategy. Written comments should be as specific as possible to be the most helpful. Comments may be posted online and therefore the Department requests that no business proprietary, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be submitted in your written comments.

Written comments must be sent by Friday, November 6, 2020, for discussion at the annual King and Tanner Task Force meeting in December 2020.

Comments can be sent by email to:

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COVID-19

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/.

Advisory announcement web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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